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2006-2007 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT

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Historic Preservation: Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future

The 2006-2007 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury has issued another in a series of reports, this one titled “**Historic Preservation: Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future.**”

The report describes the process used by the City of Paso Robles when it decided to deny a permit to demolish the Farmers’ Alliance Building after Smart & Final purchased the building and applied for a demolition permit. Smart & Final had attempted to find out, before the purchase, if they would be able to utilize the site in accordance with their needs.

The report also examines the process used by the City of San Luis Obispo when requests similar to the Farmers’ Alliance demolition request are made, and the Grand Jury concluded that San Luis Obispo’s use of a Cultural Heritage Committee improves the process.

Finally, the report briefly examines how other cities in the county and the unincorporated areas of the county attempt to preserve and protect historically significant buildings and sites.

A full transcript of this report is available at <http://www.slocourts.net/grandjury/>. The website also provides background information about the Grand Jury and describes how to apply for Grand Jury membership, as well as how to submit complaints regarding county issues using the “Grand Jury Complaint Form.”

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